ſame. The reaſon whereof is, becauſe Fowls having no organs for evacuation of Urine, the Urinous parts of their blood are evacuated by the habit or skin, where they produce and nouriſh feathers.

From hence it ſhould ſeem, That every drop of Rain aforeſaid, containing in it ſelf ſome Spirituous particles (as from the height, to which they are advanced, the prolifique virtue of Rain, and its eaſie tendency to putrefaction above other water, is argued they do,) and meeting with others in their deſcent, of a Saline, and that partly nitrous, but chiefly urinous, or of an acido-ſalinous nature; the ſaid Spirituous parts are apprehended by them, and with thoſe the watery, and ſo the whole drop is fixed; yet not into any indifferent and irregular ſhape, depriving the ſpirituous parts of their motion in an inſtant; but according to the energy of the Spirituous, as the Pencil, and the ſpecifick nature or determinate poſſibility of the ſaline parts as the Ruler, 'tis thus figur'd into a little Star. Theſe things ſomewhat further conſider'd and clear'd, may add a little to that great deal of light, which the *Honourable* Mr. *Boyl* hath given to the nature of Cold, the Air, and the Bodies therein contained, in his excellent Diſcourſes hereof.

A Confirmation, given by Dr. Wallis, *of what was deliver'd in* Numb. 90. *about the* Strange Freezing *in* Somerſetſhire.

THE Strange Froſt (or Freezing rather) you give an account of to have hapned in *Somerſet-ſhire* in *December* laſt (though I remember not the day) was the like with us at *Oxford*. It was rather a Raining of Ice, or at leaſt Rain Freezing as it fell; which made ſtrange Icicles hanging on Trees, and a ſtrange noiſe by the ratling of them upon the Bows motion by the wind: But not ſo much as at the places you mention in *Somerſetſhire*. Yet more in the Country about us (as from ſeveral Relators I have heard,) than with us here. And the great Warmth ſoon after was alſo with us; inſomuch that not only Bloſſoms, but (as was then certainly affirm'd, though I was not ſo curious as to get a ſight of any,) green Apples on divers trees; particularly in the pariſh of *Holy-well*.

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